sideration. The T. A. to be given to the members has also been fixed.

No action has been taken yet on the resolutions of the 2nd meeting.

Caste-wise list—persons in Government service, etc.

171. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the percentage in each of these classes (a) Nambudiris (b) Paradesi Brahmins (c) Nayars (d) Ezhuvas (e) Christians and (f) Mohammedans engaged in (1) Government service, (2) Commerce and Industries (3) and Agriculture?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—A copy of the Imperial Table containing the available information is appended (*Appendix VIII*).

Co-operative Societies.

172. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state how they have materialised their acceptance of my cut-motion in the last Council to demonstrate the necessity of increased co-operative activities?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The points raised in the discussion on the motion are.—

(1) The necessity for widening the activities of the Department with special reference to the depression of the times; (2) necessity for extreme caution in the cancellation of the societies; (3) supply of decent starting capital to the societies without pressing the question of local deposits.

In regard to (1) the Department is ready to help societies in every way. The movement being essentially non-official it is for the leading men in the State to come forward with proposals on the amelioration of their brethren.

As for (2) cancellation of societies is resorted to only when all attempts, both official and non-official at resuscitation have proved futile. Keeping a really bad society on the rolls is seldom desirable.

(3) Local capital is not insisted on by the Central Bank as a condition precedent to granting loans. As regards the desirability of supplying capital by the department this kind of help is not really called for since there is the Central Bank to finance societies exclusively.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to your answer to (1) how have you responded to the request of some of the leading men of the State for state-aid to the Azhikkode Society?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Notice.

Sea-erosion—Cranganur.

173. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to answer:—

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